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SUBJECT: BLACK ACTIVISTS DETAINED

REF: PRETORIA 3628

1. DUBAN SECURITY POLICE HAVE DETAINED FIVE LEADING BLACK ACTIVISTS AS WELL AS FOUR STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NATAL'S BLACK MEDICAL SCHOOL IN SERIES OF ARRESTS AUGUST 19. DETAINED UNDER SECTION 10 (A) OF INTERNAL SECURITY ACT WERE THREE EXECUTIVE MEMBERS OF THE UMLAZI TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (URA): VITU MVELASE, DAVID GASA, AND GEORGE SITHOLE; INSTITUTE FOR RACE RELATIONS RESEARCH OFFICER GOVIND REDDY; AND BOBBY MARIE OF THE DUBAN INSTITUTE FOR BLACK RESEARCH. MARIE IS SON-IN-LAW OF RECENTLY BANNED BLACK SOCIOLOGIST FATIMA MEER; REDDY IS ALSO SECRETARY FOR THE INSTITUTE FOR BLACK RESEARCH.

2. MEDICAL STUDENTS ARRESTED IN EARLY MORNING RAID ON SCHOOLS DORMITORY HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS DILIZA MJI, IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT OF SASO, DR. DAVID DUBE. R. TAOELE AND NORMAN DUBIZANE. ARREST OF ANOTHER STUDENT, LESLIE GUMEDE
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LAST WEEK HAS ONLY COME TO LIGHT TODAY.

3. REASONS FOR ARREST OF REDDY, MARIE AND MEDICAL STUDENTS ARE NOT IMMEDIATELY APPARENT. MEDICAL STUDENTS HAVE BEEN HOLDING A PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATION OUTSIDE OF THE MEDICAL SCHOOL FOR THE LAST TWO DAYS TO DEMONSTRATE SOLIDARITY WITH SOWETO AND OTHER PROTESTS. DETENTIONS OF REDDY AND MARIE MAY BE BASICALLY A WARNING TO BOTH TO TEMPER CRITICISMS, EVEN THOUGH THEY HAVE BEEN BASICALLY ACADEMIC IN STYLE, OF GOVERNMENT POLICIES.

4. URA FIGURES, HOWEVER, HAVE BEEN ACTIVELY IN FRONT OF AN ANTI-BUTHELEZI CAMPAIGN IN DURBAN'S NON-WHITE TOWNSHIPS IN LAST SEVERAL WEEKS. CAMPAIGN, WHICH FROM SOME REPORTS MAY HAVE BEEN ASSISTED BY BUTHELEZI'S EXTERNAL ANC OPPONENTS, OBVIOUSLY DREW ATTENTION OF SAG SECURITY AUTHORITIES. WHATEVER GROUNDS FOR ARRESTS, GOVERNMENT'S ACTION PUTS IT, IN EFFECT, IN POSITION OF PROTECTING ONE OF SAG'S PRINCIPAL MODERATE OPPONENTS AGAINST RADICAL SENTIMENT IN DURBAN TOWNSHIPS. FARBER

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